



“Renewed Hope”

Dealing with Discouragement
John 20:1-9

Renewed by our:

I. Faith – “whom He raised from the dead” (vs. 1-2)

Choosing not to:

- A. Forget** – “first day of the week Mary Magdalene came”
- B. Figure** - “saw the stone...taken away from the tomb
- C. Fear** – “They have taken away the Lord...we do not know”

II. Focus – “stooping and looking in, he saw” (vs. 3-7, 9)

Choosing the:

- A. Present** – “So Peter and the other disciple went forth”
- B. Presence** – “the face-cloth which had been on His head”
- C. Precedence** – “that He must rise again from the dead”

III. Friends – “the other disciple who had first come” (vs. 8-9)

Choosing friends with like:

- A. Experiences** – “the other disciple...also entered”
- B. Expectation** – “and he saw and believed”
- C. Exasperation** – “For as yet they did not understand”

Sentence Sermon:

“The resurrection brings joy and a reminder of the hope of renewal through new life in Jesus.”

Additional Verses

- *Hebrews 12:1-2*
- *John 8:31-32, 36; 15:15*
- *Proverbs 18:34*
- *Psalms 139:7-12*
- *Luke 8:2; 24:10-12*

Jesus’ Inner Circle

- *Mark 1:16-20; 5:37*
- *Mark 9:2; 14:32-35*
- *Matthew 10:2-4; 26:37*
- *Acts 1:3*

Jesus Predicts His Resurrection

- *Matthew 12:39-40; 16:21; 27:62-64*
- *John 2:18-22; 10:17-18*

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage?
3. Why do we meet on the first day of the week?
4. What does Mary’s early visit to the tomb tell us about her?
5. Why does Mary run to Peter and John instead of the others?
6. How much of what Mary reported was accurate? Why did she say it?
7. Does Jesus have favorites, ie. “disciple whom Jesus loved?”
8. Why did John make a big deal about beating Peter to the tomb?
9. Why did John hesitate before entering the tomb?
10. What practical difference does Jesus’ resurrection make in your life?